GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Diabetic patients in India are about 30 million as estimated by the World Health Organization; and

(b) if so, the corrective action taken and proposed to be taken by the Government this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) The estimated number of diabetic patients in the country is 25 million.

(b) Diabetes treatment is done at all levels in the rural health care delivery system and urban health care institutions. A pilot Project on `Strengthening of Bio-Chemical Laboratories and Quality Assurance`, was initiated in 1999-2000 in the States of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal & Punjab. The National Diabetes Control Programme has now been merged with the Indian Council of Medical Research which has constituted as Expert Group to formulate a revised comprehensive Plan of action to control diabetes. Central Health Education Bureau (CHEB) has also strategies/programme including use of powerful electronic media to spread health messages to increase Public Health awareness about diabetes.